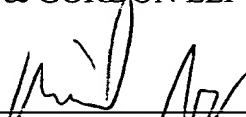


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The claims have been amended as follows:

1 4. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in one of claims 1 through [3] 2, characterized
2 in that the hearing aid comprises an output (HG_A , HG'_A) connected to the configuration
3 memory (15).

1 7. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in one of claims 1 through [6] 2, characterized in
2 that the peripherals include one or more components: sensors, actuators, transceivers, manual
3 selection switches, potentiometers.